

January 9, 2013

Mesa County FML District Board Meeting

Present: Craig Springer, Chair
David Ludlam, Secretary
Kelcy Workman, Assistant to David Ludlam

Guests: David Frankel
Chris Reddin

Meeting was called to order by CSpringer at 9:08 AM.

DLudlam moves to approve agenda as posted. Chair seconded. Motion passed.

DLudlam moves to approve the minutes from Nov 13, 12. Chair seconds. Motion passed.

DFrankel- County filed protest of 2012 PILT. Seeking PILT made whole and not have deduction stand. Reduce by \$1.6 mil. The county feels the district legitimately independently received these funds and that the county not need be offset with county. Legislative changes have succeeded in establishing individual districts and not be related to the county.

Grant Cycle: Can choose to establish deadline for 2013 Grant Applications. CMeis invited and although his commissioner term ended Jan. 8, he is active on this board until Jan 15. Starting on the 15th a new commissioner will be appointed to this board.

In regards to the grant cycle it must be determined as to when to entertain grant applications, when to make choices as to distribution of awards, and when to fulfill awards. Possible to consider grant cycle to culminate in fall to maximize grant awards.

DLudlam offers appreciation to DFrankel and Marsha for all the work and communications they have maintained in order to help the Mesa County FML progress.

DLudlam suggests that with the expansion of this board that grant talk be postponed until a 3rd member can be present at a later date, and after new attending commissioner has been established.

DFrankel- in regards to other district, GarCo has 2 or 3 cycles per year. MesaCo leads the way in many ways. Possible to contact GarCo and ask them to advice on cycle structure and schedule. GarCo also has full staff to support their district and that diverts resources.

Marsha- Feels that the MesaCo FML District was done in a more conducive manner.

DFrankel- be aware of how money is spent.

CReddin- Grant cycle done more robustly without the staff and location additional with virtual organization in lieu of staff. In favor of establishing annual goals and missions or having community input- but establish a systematic process to achieve goals.

Marsha- Must maintain independence and integrity of criteria of who grants are awarded to. Focus on scope of what is achievable.

DFrankel- until June when PILT is intact, nothing can be 100% certain. Optimistic that PILT will be in tact in June and establish the FML as independent district. Funds to be distributed will be established at this point.

CSpringer- Introduced idea of sitting with commissioners annually to maintain lines of communication so that appointees and commissioners are on the same page. Suggestion to establish workshop from the beginning to help support relationship with commissioners and community.

DLudlam- worth the process to have people involved.

CReddin- CMU as well to discuss what has happened already

DLudlam- opportunity to say to municipalities that it was well thought out and structured, preemptively head off animosity to municipalities.

DFrankel to email CSpringer when Chair is establish- CSpringer will reach out to discuss change in dynamics to maintain open lines of communication.

CSpringer- would like to do an annual or more contract with CReddin in an effort to establish permanence with the FML.

Marsha- Suggest that CSpringer asks the board and clarifies involvement.

DLudlam to CReddin- What is your interest and participation for working on this board.

To CSpringer- Have CReddin put together a workshop to present to commissioners?

CSpringer- Need to talk to commissioners in regards to county folk, but to reduce any additional unnecessary information.

CReddin- can establish a work plan as well as goal setting

Work sessions can happen in any order- with commissioners and then as an FML.

DLudlam- keep public aware of what FML is doing so that there are transparencies throughout.

Next FML Scheduled meeting- Second week in April but president can convene a special meeting prior.

Discussion of times available to convene commenced. Meeting set for February 13, 2013 and anticipated to last for at least 3 hours.

Discussed establishing entity within community with intent to explain what the FML is as well as what the goals of the FML are in relation to said community. FML will maintain meetings consistent with previously established gatherings, will do so in free meeting space as available, and will continue to reduce additional operating costs by continuing without office staff or designated work space. It is important to establish correct operating rules and regulations for the FML from the beginning so as to prevent any hiccups in the functioning of this FML District.

CReddin- consider community involvement with who the FML is and what the FML does.

Survey or email prior to meeting for input- as opposed to having a large group for work session meeting. Still allows input but with easier way to establish priorities. This will establish community desires for community projects. Solicit leadership within economic development entities.

CSpringer- that appears to be the next iteration after the work session to reduce complications in establishing parameters for FML Grant Cycle.

DLudlam- start with work session to work on commissioner communication. Then add in commissioners and eventually once established, to add in more community members.

CSpringer- to Marsha and DFrankel- please throw everything at us so that nothing appears as a surprise.

Marsha- has great interest in this and will endeavor to assist the FML in succeeding.

CSpringer- Goals: Good for people of MesaCo and done in a thoughtful manner.

Unscheduled Business:

Marsha- Discuss that DFrankel is pursuing the appeal of the \$1.6 mil 2012 PILT

DLudlam to DFrankel- what do you need from the FML board to assist?

DFrankel- documented everything that FML District has done- proposal, grant applications, grant awards, resolution, legal authority that supported actions (CO Statutes creating FML Districts), Federal Statutes talking about PILT and other dollars. Has documentation electronically available as needed.

How the money is distributed impacts how PILT should or should not be reduced.

CSpringer- Critical going forward that DFrankel establishes independence that is defensible.

Maximize impact of FML by focusing impact of funds into non county issues.

CSpringer to CReddin- please create big picture view of

Chair adjourned meeting at 9:53 AM. Meeting minutes taken by Kelcy Workman.